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Children 'Fair' Well At BCC

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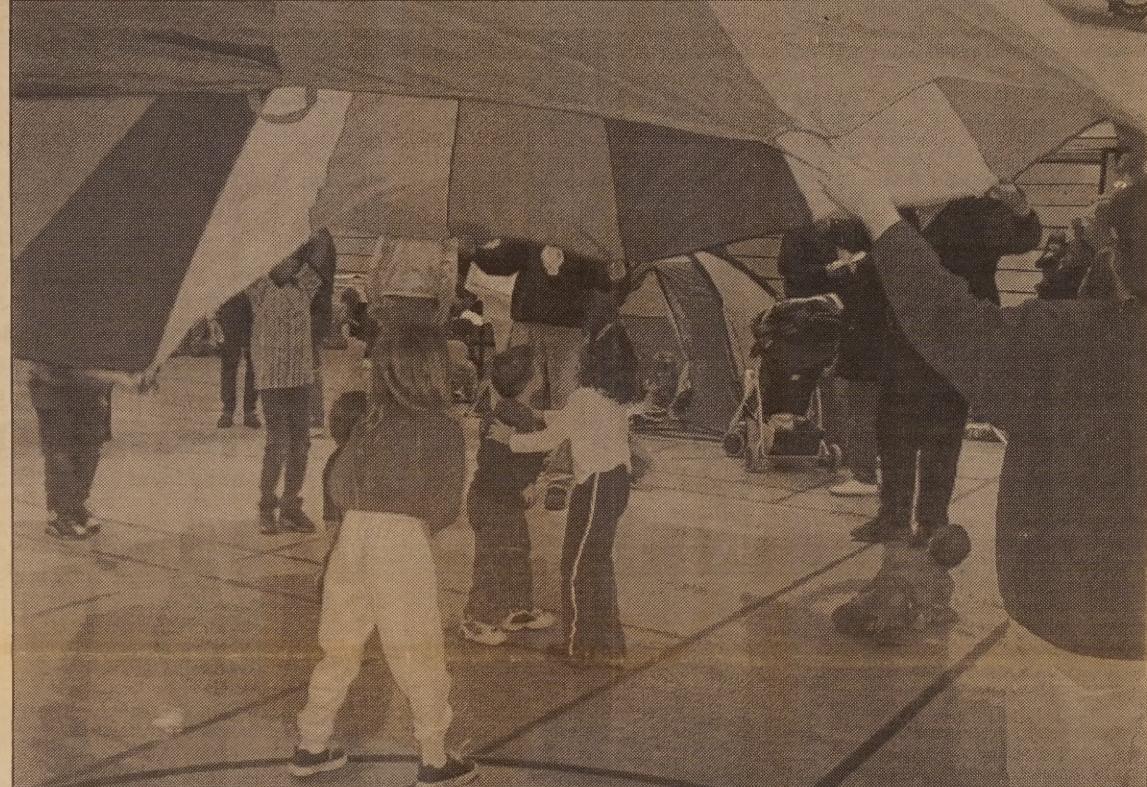
The pitter pat of hundreds of little feet thundered through the hallowed halls of BCC on the crisp final day of March.

It was a Saturday and it seemed as if every youngster in the Triple-cities was here. There were about 900 of them actually; two hundred performers and 700 visitors. Including adults, staff and volunteers there were close to 2,000 all together.

The Children's Fair is a joint effort between the Early Childhood Elementary Education department and the Binghamton Association for the Education of Young Children, a national organization. This was the 21st year the fair has been put on and it is a great opportunity for children to have a good time and for parents to gather information about day care and all the other children's services available in the Triple-cities.

There were 30 activity areas and 25 booths representing commercial agencies spread between the two gyms, the theatre, and the cafeteria. But all the big stuff was outside. Most of the kids and some of the parents as well took turns climbing on and sitting in the fire truck and the just plain big trucks. Fire trucks are a big attraction for kids because of the red lights and sirens, said Rick Larsen, of the Hillcrest Fire Department.

"Fires are so publicized," Larsen said. "They learn about fire



Sometimes simple fun is the best fun. Kids attending the March 31 Children's Fair play under a parachute volunteers lift above them.

from the very beginning."

State trooper Chris Cody was there with their rollover demonstration; a trooper car with two dum-

mies in the front seat, set on a roulette type device that showed what would happen to passengers in a 30 mph rollover with and without

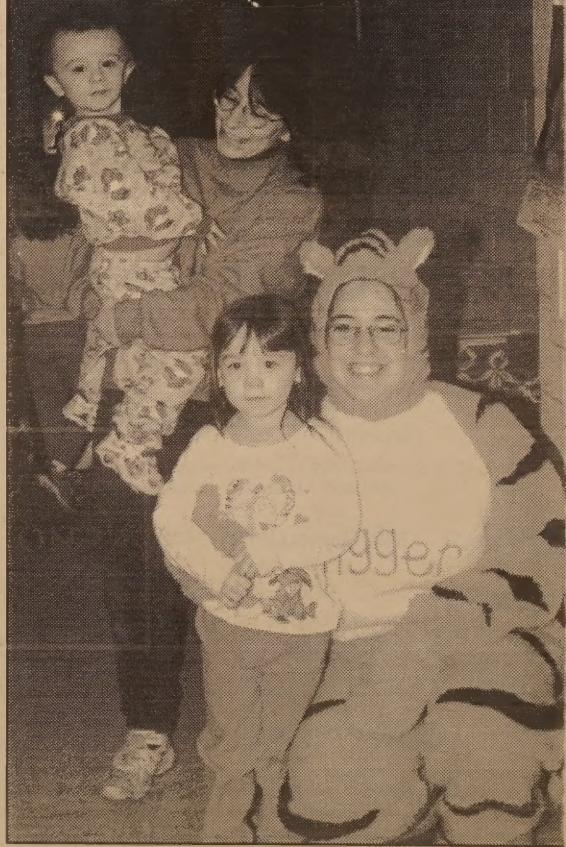
seat-belts.

There was pizza and cookies in the cafeteria and something for ev-

eryone throughout the Student Center. Proceeds from the fair go to the BAEYC scholarship fund.



Above, most of the kids and some of the parents at the fair took turns climbing on and sitting in the fire truck. At right, one of the many families which attended the fair poses with Tigger. For more pictures from the event, see pages 4 and 5.



EDITORIAL

Voters Apathetic? Eliminate Electoral College

If you don't vote, you can't complain. Voting is your constitutional right; use it. Voting is how you make your voice heard. People in other countries would love to have the right to vote. Voting is how we implement change in the Home of the Brave and the Land of the Free. There is no question America is the home of many brave men, women, and children, and the land of freedoms most of the rest of the world envy. But change as a residual of voting is a reality that has slipped away from us.

I've used all those phrases you see above in addition to steadfastly maintaining that my votes for Linden LaRouche, John Anderson, Ross Perot, Ralph Nader and the like were not wasted. My protest votes for those men were no more wasted than a vote for Clinton, Reagan, Bush, or Bush - for Hoover, Coolidge, or Taft for that matter. The fact that no matter who you vote for little change occurs. Even if the election of any one man were to result in a net change in our lives it doesn't mean the man chosen by the populace would be the man to get the job.

As we saw in the 2000 presidential election, the man with the most popular votes (Al Gore) did not get the job. Why is it so important to maintain the illusion of democracy? We need to make some changes and get back the Republic for which we used to stand.

What changes? The McCain-Feingold campaign reform bill would go a long way toward eliminating the purchase of a president by special interest groups. In addition to campaign reform, the elimination of lobbyists in the Capital hallways will let voters know that once their vote is actually counted it will actually mean something.

It wouldn't hurt if the Federal Elections Committee would open the door to the vault and make equal amounts of money available to a third or even fourth party. Ralph Nader was treated so shabbily by the FEC in the last election it was an embarrassment. He wasn't even allowed to attend the first debate and he even had a ticket. In addition, those extra voices on the campaign trail would reduce campaign rhetoric, inspire open debate, and spur voter interest. But the first step should be a 28th amendment to the Constitution abolishing the 12th amendment, which established the Electoral College, though it was not called that at the time.

The Electoral College was a compromise formed by the "Committee for Unfinished Business"—no doubt made up of the men who couldn't get on the good committees—at the Constitutional Convention in 1789. It settled an argument between the members of the convention over who should elect the president. A small but vocal minority, lead by James Madison, wanted the president elected by a direct vote of the people but the majority wanted the decision left to Congress so Congress it was. It was a good idea at the time and its inclusion is not hard to understand for a couple of reasons.

Travel was difficult in the colonies. In a rural society made up mostly of farmers, a majority of the population would have had to travel many miles by horseback or on foot to get to any central location to cast a ballot and then return home. For many of them it would have taken more time away from chores than they could afford. There would also be the problem of collecting the votes and getting them "to the seat of the United States Government" where they could be counted. It would seem we haven't come that far in that regard considering the debacle in Florida last year. The counting of the votes in a few Florida counties brought the country to the realization that methods of vote tabulation are woefully archaic. The need for a federal standard for gathering and counting votes became painfully obvious. It was another plate set at the table of voter ambivalence. Without the roads, cars, and electronics we take for granted today, relying on representatives was a good idea. But that was a secondary concern to the forefathers.

The delegation at the convention was an elitist group made up of men of wealth, power, and influence. Tyranny was still fresh in their minds and for the most part they felt the average American could be easily duped and the responsibility of electing a president should not be left in his hands. They viewed him as unsophisticated, without the education and clarity of thought to be able to make the right choice for such an important position; a notion we find particularly repugnant today. It's ironic that their thinking so closely paralleled that of the monarchy from whom they had wrested freedom some 13 years earlier. Now fast-forward 200 years.

The conditions that made the Electoral College a reasonable idea in the 18th century have all but been eliminated today. The tyranny the founding fathers wanted to avoid is a different issue today. Tyranny in the 21st century comes in the form of multi-national corporations, but that's a subject for another time. For those of you pointing at Adolf Hitler, there are some fundamental differences between America today and post WWI Germany. The restrictions placed on the German people by France, Britain, and the US in 1917 threw Germany into abject despair, abysmal depression, and choking hyperinflation. By 1921 they were ready for the first promise they heard, no matter from whom it came.

In the 21st century good roads and reliable, comfortable, and efficient transportation have made access to the polls easy. Few people have to go more than a mile or two to get to a polling place. If they can't get there on their own, the candidate of their choice will send someone to take them. I do wonder if the candidates have enough concern or dedication for the system that a Democratic candidate would take a Republican voter to a polling place knowing it would be a vote cast against him. The point is that most people can get to the polls. Even if no one can come get them they can cast an absentee ballot. The opportunity to vote is there for every one - who wants to. The fears of the founding fathers have been replaced by something more insidious and more dangerous; apathy.

The president of the United States is the most important government official in the world. By default, some would argue, simply because the US is the most powerful and influential country in the world. Yet the presidential election is able to lure to the polls only about 50 percent of eligible voters. That's a fact that confounds people in other countries, most of whom know more about the candidates and issues than we do. But that's another issue for another time.

The government has been so consumed with maintaining the illusion of democracy, that government "of the people, for the people, and by the people" has ceased to exist. It has atrophied, mired in a two party system the voters increasingly see as one. It's no wonder people don't vote. Not only does their vote not count - it means little when it does. Ours has become a government of an 'everyman' president, an ineffectual congress, a partisan judiciary, and a disenfranchised electorate.

The only way to get voters to the polls is to make their vote count. Let the direct vote of the American people determine who will take public office. If only half of the eligible voters cast their ballots the mandate of the people amounts to maybe 25 percent. (In 2000 Bush and Gore each received 24 percent and change). Get rid of the Electoral College. The concern that the smaller, less populated states will lose their representation is ill founded. Use the 2000 election as an example. George Bush won the presidency because he won most of the smaller states. Florida's 25 electoral votes swung the election but the small states got him to Florida. The Electoral College is a system whose time has come and gone. With its elimination work can begin on getting voters to the polls. Behind the mirror of illusion is a workable democracy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fine for parking not fine

To the Editor:

I would like to address the issue of the price of parking tickets at Broome Community College. I had never received a ticket before until now. I received tow tickets in the last two consecutive days.

The one ticket I can justify, but the other was for parking in a staff lot behind the library, where there are no visible signs to indicate this. There clearly is not enough parking for the number of students on campus, as almost all students must drive to get to

Broome. This is not like a college where students live on campus and can walk to class.

If I park illegally in the City of Binghamton, the parking ticket is \$5, at SUNY Binghamton, the tickets are \$10. In addition to the outrageous \$15, we pay \$25 for the parking sticker.

My point is, why are we being charged more than other places for a parking ticket? Don't you believe this is more than the ticket is worth?

BROOKE KVASYN

Traffic Light Needed

To the Editor:

The intersection of Front St. and North College Drive needs a traffic light to prevent delays and impatient drivers from causing accidents. Broome Community College students, professors and staff all wait eagerly to turn left in front of traffic on Front Street. There is an accident waiting to happen at this intersection.

Turning right out of North College Drive is no problem. Turning left requires that the driver must check a number of times to make sure that it is safe

to pull out. This is because the traffic turning left out of GHS Credit Union, joins the traffic that then holds up BCC cars from turning left onto Front St.

Broome County needs to take this intersection more seriously for traffic safety. A traffic light was considered two years ago, but has not been forthcoming.

There is a traffic light at the south entrance. A traffic light should be installed at this north entrance and exit before there is a collision and possibly a fatality.

CHRIS SWARTZ

Firefighters Deserve Credit

To the Editor:

Volunteer firefighters receive a great amount of credit for what they do for their community in several ways. I would like to extend my gratitude and thanks to these fine men and women who offer a great amount of their personal time as well as put their lives on the line to serve their community.

Being a volunteer firefighter isn't just going on fire calls, riding in a big truck with flashing lights, or taking part in hours of training. It is the amount of time they put in beyond the required hours.

I have discovered the extra work that goes into this because I have become a volunteer firefighter. After I have met all my required hours of training, I can't stop there.

Volunteers spend time in

Don't be rude to us!

To the Editor:

Attention all who frequent restaurants. I work in a local restaurant and I am fed up with the rude people who come in to eat. I have a job to do and I need to do it.

I ask you, please, when a server is telling you about the specials of the day, don't interrupt or stop her. Let him tell you his name and welcome you to the restaurant. What I say to the customer when they first come in

is necessary because my job rides on it. As an employee of a corporation, there are certain things I need to say. The corporation sends in secret shoppers to make sure I am doing my job correctly and there is no way of knowing who these shoppers are.

Therefore, in order to do my best, I need to tell the customer what the specials are before they give me their order.

JENN MURPHY

Clerks Are Not Your Enemy

To the Editor:

I work at a CVS Pharmacy. It is perhaps one of the busiest in the area and I can't tell you how many times I have been shouted at by a customer during the course of one day. I understand that the customer may not feel well and would rather not have to come to a pharmacy for medicine, but we at the pharmacy are not your enemy. We also do not want to make you wait for your prescription any longer than it takes to be filled safely.

We also want to make sure your insurance is taken into consideration when pricing your

medication. We bill directly to the insurance company and they say how much you pay. It is out of our hands. Occasionally, the insurance company refuses to cover the cost. Even if you have cards saying you are covered, you must contact them.

The pharmacy fills up to 450 prescriptions per day. It must do extensive computer checks for interactions with other drugs.

We don't want you to go without your medication, but we want it filled safely and quickly. We are trying our best to help you.

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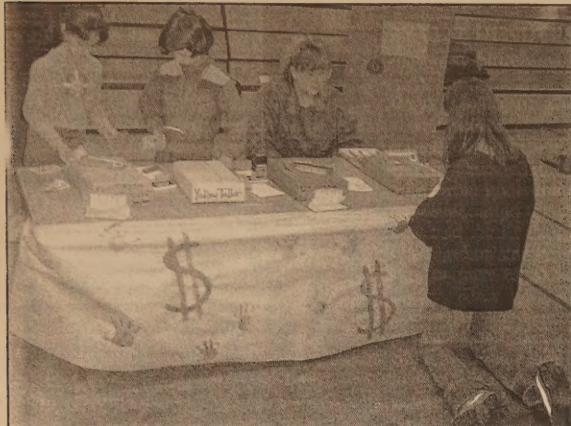
Who is... James L. Graham

The ebullient James Graham! Don't look it up. I'll save you the trouble. You'll only find his picture anyway. Ebullience: lively or enthusiastic expression of thoughts or feelings; bubbly. If you've ever bought a piece of pizza in Tichener or the Business Building, you know James.

James is in his fourth semester as a Communications/Media Arts major at BCC and graduates in May. In addition to his class load he is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, co-president of the Communica-

tions Club, and has also been a contributing writer for the Hornet. Like many BCC students, James is going on to a four-year school.

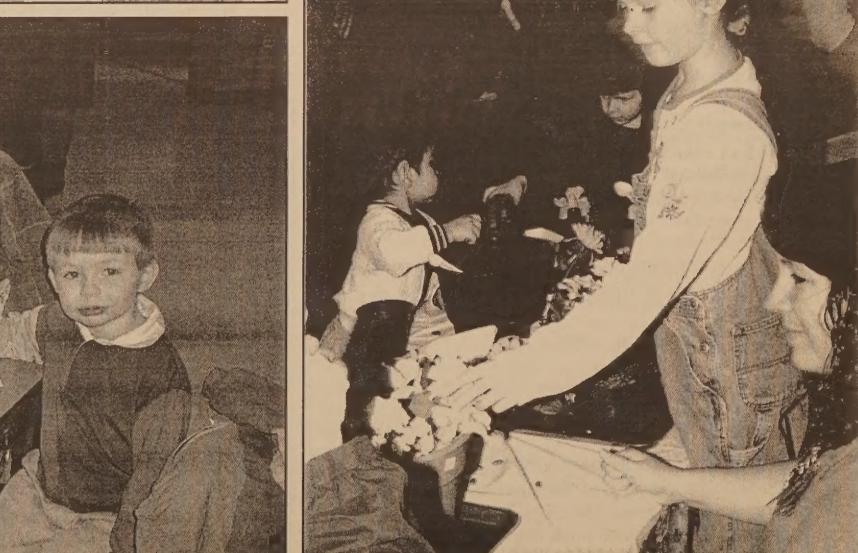
Kids Are King At 21st Annual Children's Fair



Above and below, the early childhood education department - a co-sponsor of the children's fair - runs a community bank, where kids could practice counting money, and a flower shop, where kids could make floral arrangements. At right, members of the department survey a play area well-used by children throughout the day.



Above, Melissa Driggs, 4, leaves her name and handprint on the Rainbow Mural. At right, a future BCC student chooses the slide as his favorite active amusement. At bottom right, learning flower arrangements appeals to this young lady. At bottom left, a family enjoys a break and a snack. Above that, children's artwork makes an oversized refrigerator door out of the theater entrance.



At left, a family enjoys a break and a snack. Above that, children's artwork makes an oversized refrigerator door out of the theater entrance.

Survivor: Show Nears An Exciting End

BY LIZZ HENDERSON
Assistant Editor

Days 18 Through 22

This was an exciting show that started off with both the Kutchas and the Ogakor Tribes receiving a note for an invitation to go to the opposite camps for dinner. The note told the Kucha girls to go to the Ogakor camp and for the Ogakor guys to go to the Kucha camp. They both however expected the opposite. The Kutchas expected the Ogakor girls to come, so they made dinner and had it all set up pretty and then the Ogakor guys arrived, and the same with the Ogakor girls: they expected the guys and got Kutchas' girls. So both tribes were pretty surprised and disappointed to see the same sex arrive for dinner. The girls at the Kucha camp sat and talked a lot. I was surprised at how well they got along; same with the guys. The guys however ate much better than the girls did; they had chicken, which the Kucha guys had not seen in weeks.

When the second note and map came both teams were still at opposite camps. The note basically said gather all your belongings within 15 minutes and hike for 2 hours. The two tribes met at a mutual camp spot, where they will be combining into one team and starting all over again. They did have one thing to be happy about though, when they all arrived there was a box waiting for them, it was filled with wine and goodies, including strawberries and crackers. Everyone went nuts over it, especially the girls who couldn't stop talking earlier in the show about the food they missed.

The next day was spent building their camp all over again from scratch, and their new name for their combined tribe is, Barramundi. They named it after a fish. That night they had their first challenge as a team—an individual game instead of a team thing. The challenge was the perch. There were 10 pillars in the middle of the water for each one of the survivors. Basically the object was to stand on the pillar as long as you could before your legs got tired. This went on forever. The players were teased with peanut butter, warm coffee and even a boat ride back in to shore. Most eventually took the offers, after standing for hours. It was dark and cold and Tina and Keith were left up there for more than 8 hours. Finally, Tina gave it to Keith who was at risk of getting voted off that night at tribal council. So after almost 10 hours, Keith was the last man standing; he won immunity for that night.

Everyone headed to Tribal Council to vote someone other than Keith off the island. The vote came down to a tie, but in the end after previous votes that had been cast against the two were tallied, Jeff was voted off.

Days 23 and 24

The remaining five Ogakor and three Kutchas are now merged as one team; the Barramundi. They have only been a team for only two days and they are already forming alliances within the group. It's terrible, especially Jerry. I think she's the worst of them all—the most conniving and immoral one of them all. There's already tension between her and pretty much all of the girls. Poor little Elisabeth took tons of criticism from Jerry and now she's mad—something we as an audience have not seen.

Nobody's having fun anymore, especially since the merger. No one gets along and they don't play the challenges as a team anymore. Now they play only for their own survival.

The first challenge was a boomerang throw. There was a giant target painted on the ground and you had to stand in the middle and hope that your boomerang landed closest to the bulls eye. Jerry won! She won a dinner and dessert for two, she chose Amber, her only friend from the beginning. Jerry and Amber ate Salmon, shrimp, Greek salad and dessert and all they talked about was whom they're going to vote off later at tribal council. Everyone else in the tribe went back to camp and discussed how Jerry needed to be voted off.

The Second challenge, for immunity was called Post and Ropes. There were several poles coming up from the ground. Each person went up and connected a piece of string from one end of the pole to the other. Each person took turns and did the same thing. When one person formed a square they dropped a disk in the box with their name on it. In the end Keith won with the most squares. He was granted immunity again for the second week in a row.

Everyone hiked up to Tribal Council, in the rain. It usually rains when they have to go there. Starting this week until the end of the game, the rules changed: when someone gets voted off they go to a jury. At the end the jury will decide who won the game and gets the money. It was very shocking to me tonight, that Jerry did not get voted off, I expected that all through the show, with everyone talking about voting her off. But instead Alicia got voted off, she one of the most valuable players and that's why they voted for her, they were threatened by her.

Survivor—Days 25-27

The show always starts out so depressing now, it's always raining, the poor competitors are starved, there's no rice left, there's no fish biting. It's funny though they say there's no fish and then the camera pans down to a whole school of fish. Anyway the first challenge was an obstacle course; they had to complete it with a partner of the opposite sex. There were three heats involved; Rodger and Tina, Keith and Amber, Elisabeth

and Nick and Colby and Jerry were partners. One pair would go first, if they were the fastest through the course and stayed together, they won that heat. Then they would go on against the winners of the next heat. Jerry and Colby won, and did they win, they received a private helicopter ride to the Great Barrier Reef. There they were able to go snorkeling, lay on the beach and eat. Oh did they eat, they had sandwiches, and fruit, wine, crackers, brownies, and they even got a camera to take pictures with while they were there.

Meanwhile back at the Barramundi camp, everyone's starving, they ate rice, like they always do, and they plot to kick Jerry off the island.

Jerry and Colby came back to camp, with smiles on their faces and healthier looking bodies. Colby kissed butt, he brought back everyone a coral from the Reef. That's what you have to do to stay on the island, remain friends with everyone you possibly can. It worked, they all loved it.

The Immunity challenge that night was called Good Balance. There were three rounds; each round had a different challenge. The first round was a sort of tug of war. Two competitors stood at opposite ends in the water, on 4 foot poles, the object was to knock the other person off, but if you pulled to hard you could risk the chance of the other person letting go and you falling in the water. The second round was the same except each person had to stand on swinging logs in the water. The same for the third round except they were on a wobbling square deck. Nick won the immunity necklace, by being the most balanced and by knocking the most people off.

Of course, the mile walk to tribal council was next. Guess who was finally voted off? Jerry, it's about time.

Survivor—Days 28 and 29

This week on Survivor, the competitors are loosing strength quick; they have no rice left at all. They also have no energy to find food. They all were laying around like a bunch of dead fish, it was pretty sad actually. When half of them finally got some energy they went grasshopper catching, for the fish bait. Nick, who won last week's immunity challenge has been very lazy, the past couple episodes. He hasn't helped out much, which

could get him kicked off.

The first thing Jeff (the host of the show) had planned for the players that day was a food auction, so they could get some strength back. They were each given \$500 Australian money and were able to bid on different items of food, but the food was outrageously expensive. Three doritos-\$60, one Budweiser-\$100, one scoop of peanut butter-\$75, and so on. The better-portioned stuff came at the end when only the smart couple had enough money left. Elisabeth and Tina even shared a plate of turkey and mashed potatoes. But after they all ate, their bodies went into shock, because they hadn't eaten in days, so they were going to the bathroom the rest of the day.

The first and only challenge for day 29, was a skill game. Each player had his or her own large see-saw. At one end was a bucket that the players had to fill with sticks and light on fire. The other side of the see-saw was up in the air and the object was to step on a

ladder and fill the bucket with water until it was heavy enough to outweigh the fire, that would eventually go in the air and set something else on fire. But there was a catch: the water bucket had a hole in it, which meant the players had to go twice as fast to the water and back. It took them awhile cause they were still so weak, but eventually Colby won.

After the challenge Jeff still felt bad for the players, so he made a deal with them. He traded them two weeks worth of rice for their whole camp, tarps, tents, everything. Everything comes with a price, but food was more important to them than shelter.

The rest of the night the tribe put together a shelter in the woods, away from the rising water. They built their shelter out of sticks and logs; it didn't look too bad. That night they hiked to tribal council and made an easy decision, they voted off Nick, who hasn't helped at all the past couple weeks.



Novelist Shares Work

Megan Staffel, novelist read her work on Thursday, March 22, from "The Notebook of Lost Things," at a workshop sponsored by the BCC Writers Club. She described Paris, New York, in her book, as a halfway point between Sharon and Goose Pond. "...a place where the past overlapped the present, where desire met futility, where ideas that were grand and beautiful ran into the hard facts of economics and got flattened. The land and weather took dominance and the result was that only those with imagination survived. It hadn't always been like that...."

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Wrestling With Morals

JONATHAN MUSOK
Contributing Writer

Vince McMahon, professional wrestling's top ringleader, is considered by some as the devil himself. Many in the media see this man as the sole reason why kids are being corrupted; even turned into degenerates and killers. Is Vince McMahon and his World Wrestling Federation the downfall to American culture or is it just being blown out of proportion because they have nothing better to write about?

For years McMahon has been the whipping boy of just about every medium that reports news. An endless assault on the man that brought the world "Sports Entertainment" has been waged by the press simply because he's an easy target. We can always find something bad to say about Vince, especially now that McMahon has launched his new extreme football league, the XFL. The question that needs to be asked is why. Why do we feel, in the media, we need to jump all over this man who is responsible for one of the most popular fads of all time? I believe I know the answer. Vince generates ratings, plain and simple. He definitely has the touch, and the mention of his name generates a response. He's a billionaire who isn't going away anytime soon, so the media believes it can take shots at him. When is too much? Have we crossed the line from being journalists to being people who have nothing better to write about? Even I'm writing a whole column about people who write about him. I think it's gotten out of hand. Let's look at some of the most recent stories that people have written about Vince.

The most recent newsworthy story that the media has jumped on Vince about is the Lionel Tate case. This was the case where 12-year-old Lionel Tate murdered 6-year-old Tiffany Eunick. Vince's WWF came under fire because Tate's lawyer, Jim Lewis, tried to use the excuse that Tate was trying to mimic WWF wrestling moves when he brutally killed Eunick. Lewis went as far as to try to subpoena WWF star, The Rock, to testify. The judge threw that motion and defense out, but the media still jumped all over Vince. Here again I have to ask why? Here was a 180 pound boy who savagely beat a 48 pound little girl. This wasn't Vince's fault. It was the doing of a sick young man and an even

sicker lawyer who didn't have his client's best interests in mind. There have been reports that the Florida District Attorney had offered a plea bargain deal to the Tate's that would have gotten Lionel out of prison by the time he was 18. Instead, they went for the wrestling defense and lost. Now Tate might not ever get out of jail. The court ruling vindicated McMahon but still he was attacked.

This brings me to the Parent Television Council, the group that has attacked Vince more than anyone else. Run by Chairman Brent Bozell, the PTC has tried everything it can do to get the World Wrestling Federation programming off the air. It has attacked sponsors and even got some of these sponsors to abandon the WWF. No sponsors-no shows. Where is the media with this case? This is the same group of extremists that want to get shows like Friends and the Simpson's taken off the air. But of course they don't attack them quite as loud as they do the WWF, because if they did they would be the laughing stock of the entertainment business. But, when they attack Vince McMahon's product it's ok. It's this double standard that the WWF has to deal with everyday. Is it warranted?

Vince is no stranger to controversy and many times he has prospered by the attention but there is a problem that Vince is facing. The WWF is now a publicly owned company and bad press equals his stock dropping. Now Vince has something to lose by the bad press. He's toned down the adult nature in his programming but still he is attacked. Writers like New Times Columnist Phil Musnick continue to rail Vince on just about anything. Amazing that a writer can say that Vince is corrupting the youth when the paper that he writes for is littered with ads for adult theaters and strip clubs.

I think Vince McMahon does deserve some of the blame. He's outrageous and brings a lot of the heat on himself but it has to end somewhere. Let him run his wrestling and football league. If they fail, then write about how you were right. But I think the media need to give the guy a chance to fail. Wait until a real news story arrives, and then write about it. Maybe if we stop writing about him, well help mend the broken American culture that Vince supposedly tore apart. Out of sight, out of mind. Just a thought.

Monster Magic, Mystique Lives On

MICHAEL J. GRACE
Contributing Writer

Monster Movies have been a large part of film history for the last century. What made them frightening as well as fascinating were the magic and mystique behind them. The two decades of monster movies that had the most magic in them were the 1930s and the 1940s.

Consider the 1931 film "Dracula." The count is destroyed by driving a wooden stake through his heart. You don't see the staking take place. Instead, you just hear Dracula's ear piercing screams echoing through the halls of the castle.

Another movie that has magical qualities is "The Wolf Man," made in 1941. Whenever Larry Talbot, who played both parts, transformed from man to beast, the camera would slow down the process of the change. What really happens is the makeup is being slowly added, or taken away in order to produce the effect of the wolf man's changing face.

The magic in monster movies did not just come from off stage sounds or makeup effects. Quite a few of these movies had dangerous climactic stunts, which many of the actors were unable to perform.

So the producers and directors had to find someone who possessed a great amount of strength in order to include them. They turned to a man named Eddie Parker.

Parker was Universal Studio's top stunt man during the 30s and 40s. He appeared in "The Werewolf of London," and "Son of Frankenstein." When you see these old movies, remember that it is not Boris Karloff or Bela Lugosi performing the dangerous stunt, but none other than Eddie Parker.

New wave of terror begins in movie roles

Sadly, as the 50s began, the old monster films had lost their magic and mystique as a new wave of terror began in movies, because actors like Lugosi and Karloff were getting old, and their careers were winding down.

Black and white movies were losing out to color and becoming quite gory. There were still the crumbling castles of

Transylvania and mad scientists in laboratories, but the chemistry of both worlds did not mesh.

Old monster movies just weren't selling, and audiences wanted to see their classic monster in a whole new light. Things only got worse from here on.

By the 60s and 70s, monsters like Dracula, Frankenstein, The Wolf Man and The Mummy, had turned from folklore to gore. With blood, horrifying noises and most heartbreaking of all, they were being moved from their classic castles to modern cities.

T o d a y , Dracula pounces on his victims like an animal, instead of slinking quietly towards the unsuspecting innocent young girl. When a silver bullet hits the Wolf Man, he will have visible wounds on his body, with blood pouring out, rather than being silently clubbed over the head with a silver handled cane in a dark forest.

Fortunately, monsters can also have a funny bone in them. This may seem hard to believe, but many classic monsters have had their chance to give audiences something to laugh at. It sure beats being frightened out of your wits. For example, in 1995, actor Leslie Neilson played the roll of Dracula in the film, "Dracula, Dead and Loving it." One of the funniest scenes in this picture is when the count starts to introduce himself to his guest. He says, "I am Count Dra!" and then falls down the stairs. After he dusts himself off he says, "Dracula."

Bud Abbott and Lou Costello starred in a few memorable comic monster movies. Poor Costello has the misfortune of meeting the monsters face to face and when he tries to tell Abbott what he saw, Abbott thinks he is nuts. No comic monster movie would be a success without actors like Bela Lugosi and Lon Chaney Jr.

Monster roles typecast great actors

Behind every monster, there is a man who is best remembered for the role, and they became known for these Legends of Horror. When you think of Dracula, Bela Lugosi

comes to mind. Ironically, the role typecast him for the rest of his career.

When you think of Frankenstein's monster, only Boris Karloff fits the role. Lon Chaney Jr. made the role of Wolf Man famous. His career took off after taking the role from his famous father. Eventually, he dropped the Jr. from his name and enjoyed a 39 year career. He also had an opportunity to play the role of Frankenstein, The Mummy and Son of Dracula.

The Phantom of the Opera and The Hunchback of Notre Dame are two monsters who were not only played by him, but also created by Lon Chaney Sr. He was also known as The Man of a Thousand Faces." He was an ingenious makeup artist who created some of the most terrifying faces during his career. There is something even more special about Chaney - his pantomime skills. He had grown up with hearing impaired parents and learned this skill as well as sign language. Before he could make the transition to talking films, he died in 1930. He was the original choice for the role of Dracula.

Karloff, Lugosi, Chaney, and Chaney Jr. are not the only legends of horror. There have been many others who also played the same role that these men did.

Among them are John Carradine, who played the role of Dracula between 1944 and 1979, as well as several mad scientist roles. Christopher Lee played several monster roles from 1957 to 1975.

Vincent Price found fame in Shakespearean roles and also did a voice-over for Michael Jackson's "Thriller."

Today it's hard to imagine monster roles without these great stars. They will always be remembered for the roles they played whether they were man or monster, and their place in monster movie history is secure.



Film Making Alive and Well at BCC

GROVER CRAIG
Editor

"Film making is a component of the Communications Department," Says Jason Detrani, who teaches Image Theory and Film Analysis at BCC. "Film is different from video tape and we are one of only five or six two year schools in the country that has a film program."

First of all, film is more expensive to use. If you make a mistake you can't just rewind and reshoot as you would with tape. If the shot is no good you have to throw the film away. It costs about \$20 to shoot three minutes of film.

"Many students will never get another chance to work with film in their academic lives," said Detrani, "and the experience with film is invaluable, especially to those going on to make a career in movies or TV." "Film quality is so much better than video tape," he continues, "and the volatility of film is such that it requires

more professionalism in its use."

People with experience with film get better, higher paying jobs even if they work in video. The list of alumni who have gone on to successful careers after going through the film program here is long and impressive. Add them to the list of successful graduates in the rest of the Communications curriculum and that list becomes expansive.

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WIC staff will tell you which food stores in your area take WIC checks. They can be used only for the foods listed on them.

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BRIEFS

The Lively Arts Club has scheduled a trip to Cornell to see *Amadeus*, the tragedy about Mozart, on Saturday, April 28th. The price is \$5. A van will leave BCC at 4 p.m. and arrive in Cornell Theatre in Collegetown at 5 p.m. The play starts at 8 p.m. The van returns to BCC around midnight. See Richard Stoner, Mech 221, for tickets. 778-5081

BCC Theatre presents *Comedy Weekend* in the Little Theatre on April 27, 28, 29. Four short, hilarious comedies for a wonderful springtime weekend of laughter. For further information or reservations please call box office at (607) 778-5191.

On May 3 during Common Hour The Gang of Five will examine the best arguments from abolitionists and retentionists. The subject: Crime and Punishment in America: Is the Death Penalty Necessary.

**Open A.A. Meetings
Are Held At BCC In Building F (Front Street)
In Room 203
Each Thursday at 11 a.m.
Students Are Welcome!**

SPOLIGHT ON SPORTS AND RECREATION

Rollins Pond: An Adventure Away From Home

BY BROOKE KVASYN
Contributing Writer

There is a small, quaint campground about five hours away, set in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains called Rollins Pond. As one of many beautiful, peaceful campgrounds in the Adirondacks, Rollins Pond offers many unique qualities and characteristics to its diverse, cultural campers.

For centuries, beginning with the arrival of Samuel deChamplain in 1609, explorers and colonizers viewed the Adirondack woods and waters with foreboding or eyed them primarily as a place of economic opportunities. Though the Adirondacks have been home to trappers, lumbermen, miners, empire builders and wilderness guides, these woods provide refuge for sportsmen and activists.

There are many activities to engage in at Rollins Pond, such as canoeing and boating, fishing, hiking and swimming. Campers with large boats enjoy access to Upper Saranac Lake from Fish Creek Pond. You can portage your canoe from Rollins Pond into Floodwood, which will lead you into more adjacent ponds. Rollins

Pond rules don't allow anything over a 25 hp limit on boats with motors. That is why the majority of campers use canoes and kayaks. Anyway you look at it, there are many possible canoe routes starting in the campground. A few may involve short carries to adjacent ponds, while others visit several ponds without needing a carry.

Excellent fishing opportunities exist in Rollins Pond and the surrounding area as well. Species found are smallmouth and largemouth bass, northern pike and panfish. Upper Saranac Lake offers the same species plus lake trout and landlocked salmon. Black Lake and Whey Pond have brook and rainbow trout, but these particular ponds have special regulations that prohibit the use of live bait.

Many hiking trails are located adjacent to the campground. Two of the most popular are the Otter Hollow Loop and Floodwood Loop. The Otter Hollow trailheads are located across from site 104 in Fish Creek Pond and at site 257 at Rollins Pond. The total distances between trailheads is 4.2 miles, but don't forget the distance back to the campsite. The Floodwood Loop begins at site C-7 in Fish Creek. At approximately 2.5 miles, a large



Brooke Kvasny and her brother canoe on Rollins Pond.

footbridge crosses the stream. It is here that you can connect with the Otter Hollow Trail and hike 2.7 miles back to Fish Creek. If you don't want to continue in the Floodwood Loop, do not cross the bridge.

Proceed north to Floodwood Road, turn right and hike one mile on the road to the return trail (approximately 4 miles back to Fish Creek). The total distance for the loop is 8.5 miles.

Before you hike, prepare yourself with a topographic map, compass, water and proper clothing and foot wear. A mile into the woods is longer than you may think if you are not properly prepared.

Services and activities nearby the campgrounds, like shopping in quaint shops, golf, dining, sightseeing tours and horseback riding are all available in Tupper Lake and Saranac Lake areas. Both are no more than 25 miles from Rollins Pond. Lake Placid and the Olympic Venues are also included in that mileage.

The Adirondack Visitors Interpretive Center is at Paul Smith's College (15 miles north) and the Adirondack Museum at Blue Mountain Lake is 50 miles south.

You can get there from here!

To get to Rollins Pond from Binghamton, take Route 12 to Utica.



Rollins Pond is known for its spacious campgrounds and nearby facilities.

Upcoming BCC Sports Events

April 25, Wednesday:
Baseball vs. Corning Community College, 2 p.m.
Men's Lacrosse vs. Finger Lakes Community College, 4 p.m.

April 28, Saturday:
Softball vs. Corning Community College, 1 p.m.

Men's Tennis vs. SUNY Cobleskill, 1 p.m.
Men's Lacrosse vs. Mitchell CC 2 p.m.
May 4, Friday:
Baseball vs. SUNY Alfred, 2 p.m.
May 6, Sunday:
Baseball vs. Adirondack Community College, 1 p.m.

FROM OUR MAILBOX

JC traffic circle dangerous

To the editor:

How many times a week do you drive around the Johnson City Traffic Circle? I believe something was supposed to be done to make it safer for people to drive around, but I don't know what and I don't know when the work is supposed to be started.

I drive around the circle at least six times a day and there is not one time I am on the circle, that everyone else is doing it right. I have to lay on my horn because people just don't know how to drive it. They think it's o.k. to be in the outside lane the whole time as they move around it.

It seems like there's an accident every day causing traffic to pile up and makes many drivers crazy because they will be late to work.

Not only do people not know how to drive it, but they don't look to see if someone is on the side of them as they move to get off at their exit from the wrong lane. All they need to do is stay on the inside lane until their exit is coming up, then put on their turn signal to get into the outside lane just before their exit. I think major redesign and planning needs to be started on the circle ASAP to make it safer for people to drive.

MICHAEL J. GRACE

I have just been made aware of the fact that the Binghamton Mets Stadium is changing its name to "NYSEG" Stadium. To be perfectly honest, I'm not very happy about this decision at all.

My first reason is that if a team is given a specific name, it should continue with that name.

Second, if I pay to see a baseball game, I want to see the Binghamton Mets play at our own Mets Stadium and not at a newly named "NYSEG" Stadium. I think we lost a lot of history when it was renamed. I really like

the Mets a lot and I want to see them play at our own Mets Stadium.

Finally, I have been an avid fan of baseball for many years. I feel that each team that has ever been a part of the game, is also a part of history. To take away the original name of a stadium is like taking a part of history away with it.

So I hope that Mets Stadium can keep its original name forever and that it will also remain a part of our baseball memory.

MICHAEL J. GRACE

LEE MOSCHAK

feed the wildlife."

From there, you want to get on Route 3 through Old Forge. Then pick up Route 30, which takes you directly to Rollins Pond.

When you come into Rollins Pond you have to travel through Fish Creek campgrounds first. When you start to leave Fish Creek, you will pass one of the two shower facilities offered. The scenery is breathtaking, with very tall pine trees along both sides of the two-lane road, lining up in perfect symmetry.

As you move farther into the wood, you'll come to a boat livery on Whey Pond. It is a well known fishing spot for rainbows or brookies also has a sandy beach and white birch trees surrounding shoreline.

Rollins Pond is an adjacent campground to another located at Fish Creek. The majority of the beaches at Rollins are private, some are double, and you must share with neighbors.

In Fish Creek there are more campers and RV's and at Rollins you will see only tents. It is family oriented with 80 percent of the campsites located directly on shoreline.

Park Service says: "Do not



The Puck Here! Drops



...And, You're Invited!

Groundbreaking Ceremony for The BCC Ice Center

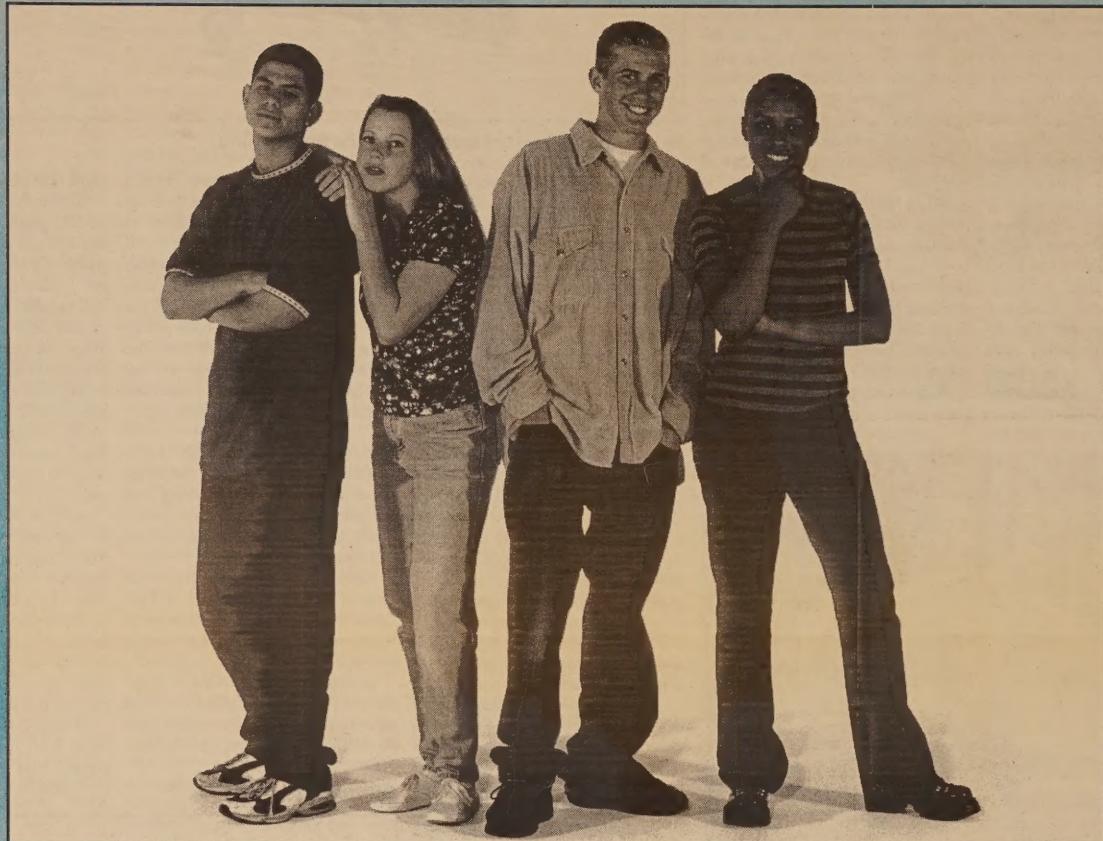
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behind the Student Center, former tennis courts

to include remarks by

NY State Senator Thomas Libous
SUNY Chancellor Robert L. King
Broome County Executive Jeffrey Kraham
BCC Trustees and Students

The BCC Ice Center will be home to the College's hockey team, to numerous teams in the Southern Tier Hockey Association, and to other local skating organizations.
Construction of the Ice Center begins in April 2001 and is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2002.
This project is Phase One of a full Student Center Expansion;
Phase Two will include expanded student life spaces and a new bookstore.

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